

# Titletown Brewing Company

The Chicago & Northwestern Depot is a historic building located in Green Bay's Broadway neighborhood. Left vacant since 1994, the structure was renovated into the area's first brewpub by Titletown Brewing Company in 1997. Renovation of the new combination restaurant and micro brewery began in July 1996, and was completed in December of the same year. The City of Green Bay applied for and received a \$350,000 grant through the Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program (STEP) which is made possible by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). Green Bay used the funds to purchase the building from the railroad and for partial development costs. Titletown is currently working with the city to acquire the building.



**Titletown Brewing Company, exterior.**

Brent Weycker, vice president and co-owner, reports that the interior of the building was almost completely gutted. More than 23 seven-yard dumpsters of debris were hauled away.



**Titletown Brewing Company, interior.**

The depot has a spacious, wide-open atmosphere, now that several make-shift offices have been removed. Drop ceilings have been torn off to expose the original 18-foot ceiling on the first floor. Beautiful wood floors have been uncovered, and three fireplaces exposed and restored. The baggage building now serves as the new kitchen. The renovation also features copper brew tanks, works from area artists, historic photos of the depot, and two hand-painted murals depicting turn-of-the-century citizens at the train station. Titletown also created an impressive billiards hall on the second floor. Exterior masonry work is planned for this summer.

The new occupants of the depot worked to keep the original building features intact. Several items were salvaged and reused. The 1927 freight bill cabinet now serves as the upstairs back bar. The message board that was used for telegraph notices in the early 1900s is now used as a beer sign. The stationmaster's track mirror, formerly used to spot southbound trains approaching the depot, now hangs in the landing of the main stairwell.

**Total Cost**  
\$2 million

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